

Members of the Judiciary Committee.

I strongly OPPOSE H.B. 6355. While we all want to reduce violence across the board, what is proposed in this bill will do little to accomplish that and egregiously violates our constitutional rights. This bill will allow an individual's personal property to be confiscated with no crime alleged, and zero opportunity for the individual to dispute any allegations for a minimum of 180 days. The bill also requires the subject of the order to prove their innocence of the accusations before their property can be returned. This runs completely against the guiding legal principal of "Innocent until proven guilty". Furthermore there is nothing in this bill addressing false allegations being levied at a firearm owner. The current statute has already been exploited here in CT to allow abusers to have their victims disarmed so they can further abuse them, and the changes proposed will make that even easier. This bill would allow an ex-partner who is simply angry to file an order with a convincing story and no investigation into the facts. While the intentions of this bill are noble, the effects will not be. I urge you all to reject this bill as submitted and work with the parties who would be effected by this legislation to come up with a fair and effective solution to all parties.

Thank you for your time,

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